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HOME rule is the parent of economy.

HOME rule will reduce the rate of taxation.

HOME rule is the taxpayer's redemption.

We don't want our rulers to come from Ohio.

It looks like something was the matter with Hanna in Ohio.

THE Williams News threatens to change the first of the year to a sky scraper in journalism.

THE National Stock Growers' Convention will meet in Denver, Colo., January 25, 26 and 27, 1898.

If Mark Smith pushes the capitol bill steal through congress, his name is Dennis in northern Arizona.

We haven't received title to a lot in the capital addition to Phoenix, and therefore we are opposed to legalizing the capitol bond steal.

THREE hold ups in Phoenix last week. One of the victims was surely a newspaper publisher as the robber only realized thirty-five cents out of the job.

ONE hundred thousand dollars to build a capitol building in the Territory is too much money to rob the taxpayers of, who have been held up so often that their property won't equal their taxes.

EVERY person who opposes home rule indirectly indorses a carpet bag government. The Tucson Star says it desires home rule, but you can read between the lines that it is bitterly opposed to it. The Star has the happy faculty of blowing hot and cold at the same breath.

A little school girl in the rural districts of Georgia was assigned a composition on "Temperance," and the following is the result: "Temperance is more better than whiskey. Whiskey is 10 cents a drink, and lots of it. My pa drinks whiskey. He has been full 113 times. One night he came home late and ma went out and cut some hickories and walloped him good. Then she ducked his head in a tub of soapuds and locked him up in the barn. And the next morning my pa said he reconed he'd swear off."

THE following from the Washington Post is full of truth. It says: "When a bank is wrecked hundreds of innocent persons are affected, many of them ruined. Suicides often follow, the savings of years are lost, the inheritance of widows and children is dissipated and the villain who is responsible for these disasters gets a few years in the penitentiary and is then pardoned and put into position to prey on the public again. The pleadings of influential citizens, or of a loving and persistent wife or daughter will effect a pardon and the criminal walks the streets a free man. Such men are far more dangerous to a community than a known robber, and deserves less consideration."

An exchange in speaking of every one depending on himself says: That old adage, let every tub stand on its own bottom, is one that will hold good in all things. Self reliance is one of the principles upon which the theory is founded. We like to see a man self-reliant, resting upon and trusting to his own resources. With most men there are distinct individualism which when properly directed is a noble and admirable attribute of their natures. Persons bolstered up by others all their lives are seldom good for anything in a crisis. Outside help is man's greatest curse. It stifles aspirations and effort and energy. A good maxim for every youth of our land would be: For success in this life, rely chiefly upon himself and his own independent energies. And this rule will apply to business concerns as well as individuals.

SEVERELY CENTURED.

The Arizona Silver Belt has opinions of its own and the nerve to express them. Here is what it says of Gov. McCord's abuse of the pardoning power.

"Probably the pardoning power was never more outrageously abused than it was last week by Governor McCord when he released and restored to citizenship two of the most notorious criminals confined in the territorial prison—Halford and Stiren, convicted and sentenced to 25 years imprisonment for train robbery on the Atlantic & Pacific, in 1889, which was one of the most daring hold-ups ever attempted in Arizona. And it was only through the indomitable courage and perseverance of Buckley O'Neill, then sheriff of Yavapai county, that they and their two confederates were pursued into Utah, captured, tried and convicted. They were delinquent with, receiving each a sentence of imprisonment, when they should have been hanged. There is no justification, neither can there be any palliation, for granting clemency to such hardened criminals, and McCord is deserving of the severest censure. The governor is making a record for himself in the pardoning of convicts such as no previous executive dared attempt, and in this, as in other matters connected with the territorial government over which he has control he has acted in a high-handed and autocratic manner. If retribution ever overtook a man McCord should suffer the penalty of his sins against Arizona."

Why Old Clocks Have III.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer: Not ever one who looks at the dial of a clock knows that the four I's which are in place of the usual IV to designate the number 4 are there because of the obstinacy of Charles V of France. When Henry Vic carried to the king the first accurate clock the king said to him that the IV was wrong and should be changed to IIII. Vick said, "You are wrong, your majesty." Whereat the king thundered out, "I am never wrong. Take it away and correct the mistake." From that time to this day the four I's have stood at the mark of the fourth hour.

Stub End.

Riches have wings and travel at a scorching pace.
A woman's lips are the rose and her tongue is the thorn.

When an editor cannot take a joke the humorist has to grin and keep it. It always makes a man feel out of place when he loses his situation.

Blessings in disguise usually have a hard time proving their identity. Whenever a girl thinks as much of a man as she does of herself—that is love.

Some people learn enough in six weeks' travel to bore others for a lifetime.

But few people burn their fingers heaping coals of fire on an enemy's head.

The man who marries a wealthy grass widow makes hay while the sun shines.

Poor Relations.

Like thorns in your property are your poor relations. They are always cropping up at inopportune times, and they are forever basking in the reflected light of your greatness and your social prominence. They come to your funerals and presume to mingle their tears with yours; they even spend their money for flowers. They call you by your given name and they name their children after you. They have so many children.

Poor relations have no conception as to relative values, they have such extravagant tastes. They like beef-steak with butter-gravy on it, and they like extract in their pudding-sauce, and they like to go the matinee. No wonder they are poor! They have an eye to your apparel, and they wonder how soon you will pass it over to them. They even like silk linings. They happen in at meal-time with their fulsome appetites, and when you have company too, and they never know enough to go home; and then they ask for the second plate of soup. Poor relations have such a good digestion. If they are not too poor to have aspirations they contrive to give their children a few lessons in music and elocution, thereby encouraging in them tastes away beyond their sphere. They are not so poor as they deserve to be.

Then their children grow up and are good looking, and even happy, and they all paddle about on the sea of life in their leaky old craft of misfortune, bound for nowhere, so long as they can float; and they have a better time than anybody.

Poor relations are a deadly nuisance.

They saddle you with a kind of sense of obligation. They are a dark spot in your sunlight. They hob-nob with your family skeleton. They expect you to remember them in your will. They glow and shine in the light of your greatness. It's very embarrassing.

THE WILD HORSE OF MEXICO.

"The most vicious and fearless of the brute creation, the peccary, or wild hog, of Mexico," said C. W. Bartlett of Laredo, Tex., to a St. Louis Republic reporter. "This animal seems utterly devoid of the emotion of fear. I have never seen it turn a hair's breadth out of its path for any living thing. It displays an intelligence in fighting the human stranger at variance with its apparently complete lack of mental attributes, save the very lowest of instinct. They are rarely found singly, but go in droves of from a few to thousands. Their ability to scent men is particularly marked. I have known a drove of them to scent a man a mile off and strike as straight for him as an arrow flies. There is no use to try to frighten them with guns. The cannonading of a full battery would have no more effect upon them than the popping of fire crackers. The only thing to do when they get after you is to run away from them as fast as a horse can carry you. And then there is no certainty that they won't catch you. They are nearly as swift as a horse, and their endurance is as great as their viciousness."

"A friend of mine encountered a drove of them in a wild part of Mexico a few years ago and his escape was miraculous. He very foolishly shot and wounded a number of them. Then he took refuge in a tree. The peccaries kept him in the tree all that day and through the night. They circled round the tree, grunting and squealing their delight at the prospect of a feast. He soon exhausted his ammunition and brought down a peccary at each fire. But this had no terrors for the beasts. Along toward morning the brutes began to eat the ones he had killed, and when they had thus satisfied the cravings of their stomach they formed in line and trotted off. If they had not had some of their own number to devour they would have guarded that tree until my friend, through sheer exhaustion, dropped from his perch and allowed them to make mince-meat of him. The wild cats and tigers that infest the Mexican wilds flee from the peccaries with instinctive fear, and even rattlesnakes keep out of their path."

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mrs. J. A. Maurer's music class gave their first recital at the Emerson High School building Friday night. The class with the exception of three was composed of very young persons, who had only been under instruction for five or six weeks, but they showed that they had been under a painstaking and competent instructor. The entire class acquitted themselves well considering their age, and short time they were under instruction.

Rev. S. A. Thompson, the Superintendent of Arizona Mission Churches of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will make his first official visit to Flagstaff Nov. 28 and 29. He expects to preach in the Methodist church Sunday night, Nov. 28. Hold quarterly conference Monday night Nov. 29. He takes the place of Rev. G. F. Boyard, who was transferred to be Presiding Elder of Los Angeles District S. Calif. Conf.

C. P. WILSON, C. P.

Word has been received at this place that on the night of Nov. 20, near Payson, James Holmesley was bitten by a hydrophobic skunk. He was asleep and the skunk bit him on the nose. The animal had to be choked to death before its hold could be released. The injured man started the next day for Chicago for treatment at the Pasteur Institute. He is well known at this place, having lived here for years, and is a brother of Denver Holmesley.—Tempe News.

The Red Man Will Work.

Monday two or three Moqui Indians obtained some lumber from the Arizona Lumber & Timber Co., by purchase, or otherwise, and freighted it down through town on their shoulders to their camp at the east side of town.

A reporter of THE SUN-DEMOCRAT visited the camp and found one of the redmen sitting flat down on the earth sawing the lumber into pieces with a dull hand saw. What use was going to be made of the lumber is unknown to us. As we don't speak the language fluently, we didn't interrogate him, but there is one thing certain that an Indian will work if he has to set down in order to get to work.

The Bittner Theater Co.

A good company occasionally plays at Flagstaff, but the above named company carried off the palm so far this season. They played here Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and the increase in the attendance each successive night was evidence of how well their playing was appreciated by our people.

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The people of Flagstaff will hold a Thanksgiving service in Babbitt's hall Thursday 25th inst., at 10:30 a. m. Father Dilly will deliver the address. Rev. Corser will offer the prayer and read the scripture. Rev. Wilson will read the proclamations. Mr. Reid will have charge of the singing. Father Dilly will pronounce the Benediction. All business places will be closed from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m., so that all who may choose to attend these services can. BY COMMITTEE.

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Cataract Canyon—65 miles. The abode of the Supai Indians. Can be entered only on horseback.

Natural Bridge—75 miles. Arch, 260 feet; width, 500 feet; height, 275 feet.

Montezuma Wells and Castle—50 miles. Point of great interest.

Walnut Canyon—8 miles. The home of the Cliff Dwellers, a prehistoric race of four hundred years ago. Walls of castles perfect.

Sunset Mountain—10 miles. An extinct volcano, supposed to have been active four hundred years ago.

Cave Dwellings—8 miles. The home of a prehistoric race.

The Black Crater—15 miles. In the center of the largest lava beds in the world.

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